public within 60 days from the date of the notification. In the draft notification, *inter-alia,* it has been proposed to—(i) permit construction of certain essential infrastructure facilities required for local inhabitants in Coastal Regulation Zone-Ill areas on a case by case basis and (ii) reduce the Coastal Regulation Zone to 50m along tidal influenced water bodies in specified stretches for permitting dwelling units to local inhabitants subject to certain conditions. The notification will be finalized after considering the comments/ suggestions received.

Discharge of effluents in sea

948. SHRI H. K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that polluting industries along coastal areas in the country are discharging effluents into the sea which has badly affected the fish production;

(b) if so, the details of such industries, State-wise; and

(c) the details of steps which Government propose to take against such industries?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The industrial units located in the coastal areas arc required to discharge their effluents in the coastal waters after giving necessary treatment. There arc 131 highly polluting industries in the coastal areas of Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Pondichcrry, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Orissa. Most of them have provided effluent treatment facilities. Show cause notices have been issued by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) under the Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 against the defaulting units and they have been directed to install pollution control facilities.